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IN THE TITLE

Please change the title to:

BOTTOM PAD/BUMPER ASSEMBLY FOR LOADING DOCKS WITH
LEVELER

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph:

[0026] As illustrated in Figures 5 and 6, the bottom pad assembly 10 includes a bottom pad pan 140 for supporting the bottom pad 16. The bottom pad pan 140 extends between the first mounting bracket 12 and the second mounting bracket 14, not illustrated, and is mounted relative thereto for selectively being vertically moved for manually positioning the bottom pad 16 at a proper elevation relative to a vehicle parked at a loading dock 11. As illustrated in Fig. 5, the arrows A, B and C illustrate the direction of movement of the bottom pad pan 140 relative to the first mounting bracket 12. The first mounting bracket 12 includes a mounting member 12G for forming a receiving opening for accommodating a first flange member 146 and for retaining the first flange member 146 relative thereto by means of a bolt 160 or any suitable fastening mechanism. The second mounting bracket 14 includes a similar attaching mechanism for securing the bottom pad pan 140 to the second mounting bracket 14. As illustrated in Fig. 6, the arrow D illustrates the direction of movement of the bottom pad assembly 10 relative to the first mounting bracket 12.

Please add the following paragraph between paragraphs [0030] and [0031]:

As illustrated in Fig. 7, the truck T is positioned adjacent to the bottom pad 16 with the leveler lip portion 134 being positioned within the truck body when the truck is not full. When the truck T is full loaded, the leveler lip portion 134 is pivoted about the hinge 136 to be disposed within the clearance space 18. Fig. 8 illustrated the plug 40 being displaced from the clearance space 18 to permit the removal of debris disposed within the clearance space 18.